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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 17 December 1957

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.,* Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
Mr. Howard Wiedemann,* acting for Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to the IAC
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to the IAC

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1. Alerting the Highest Authorities
(IAC-D-6/16, 16 December 1957

a. The Chairman noted the interest of the NSC and Killian Board in the question of improving existing communications for the transmission of critical foreign intelligence to the highest authorities, particularly that related to early warning of Sino-Soviet Bloc attack. He then discussed this matter generally with the members, General Truscott and representatives of NSA and the Department of Defense who were also present.

In the course of this discussion, the question of the establishment of an IAC subcommittee to deal with such communications problems was raised. The members agreed to refer this question preliminarily to General Truscott who would develop recommendations with respect to the general nature and scope of the activities of the proposed subcommittee, and report those recommendations to the IAC. It was understood that the membership of such a committee should include the IAC agencies and also representatives of NSA and the Department of Defense.

b. The members then discussed the report by the ad hoc committee of USCIB on this subject (IAC-D-6/16), approved the "assumptions" (pp. 3-5) as amended, and concurred in certain other suggested changes. With respect to a question raised by Mr. Roach, the members also agreed that there was no need nor intent, under any proposed intelligence communications system, to assume authority or control over any circuits presently being used by the FBI.

c. Captain Enderlin explained the basis and general nature of the cost estimates for the proposed intelligence communications system contained in his memorandum of 16 December to the Executive Secretary, USCIB, copies of which were distributed at the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes
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Approved as written.

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3. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report No. 384

Noted. After discussion it was also agreed that the Watch Committee, until further notice, should review and report on developments in the Indonesian situation, particularly with respect to intelligence bearing on any Communist attempts to take over Indonesia.

b. Situation Review

Mr. Cumming referred to certain matters related to the delivery of aircraft by commercial firms to the Indonesian Air Force. General Schow then commented in considerable detail on various aspects of the Indonesian situation, noting particularly impressions gained as a result of his recent trip through Southeast Asia and conversations with various highly placed individuals in that area.

The Chairman referred briefly to recent developments in the Guatemalan situation.

4. Ad Hoc Working Group Report on Arab-Israeli Situation (Report, dated 6 December, and special Supplement)

Noted this report. In this connection, the Chairman suggested, and the members concurred, that this working group should continue to keep this situation report up-to-date and issue periodic revisions as in the past.

5. EIC Report on Communist China's Imports and Exports, 1956: Trade and Transport Involved (IAC-D-42/13, 3 December)

a. Approved this report.

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6. Discussion re National Current Intelligence (Memorandum to IAC, 3 December; IAC-M-319, item 5)

The Chairman noted his desire to proceed with the publication of the new Central Intelligence Bulletin at an early date. He and the members then discussed various matters pertinent to the production of this publication, including its format, content and arrangements for coordination. Following this discussion the Chairman suggested, and the members concurred, that he inform the NSC that the IAC had discussed this question, and that he had been assured of the cooperation of the IAC agencies in the production of such a publication, though certain technical problems still needed to be solved. In this connection, it was agreed that representatives of the IAC agencies would meet with Mr. Sheldon on 18 December to review various problems connected with the coordination and production of this new publication.

7. Nuclear Weapons Allocation Section for NIE 11-2-58, The Soviet Nuclear Energy Program (IAC-D-10/24.1, 13 December; IAC-M-300, item 5)

The members discussed this problem, as outlined in the memorandum of 13 December (IAC-D-10/24.1), and agreed that the Working Group should continue its work and submit a draft as recommended in this memorandum.

8. SNIE 11-10-57
The Soviet ICBM Program

a. Approved as amended.

b. After discussion the members agreed to defer action on the post-mortem to this estimate until the next regular IAC meeting.

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c. Noted the validity study on the ICBM estimate made in NIE 11-5-57, "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Programs in the Guided Missile Field," 12 March 1957.

d. Agreed not to release SNIE 11-10-57 to USIA.

e. Agreed, in the light of the estimates contained in SNIE 11-10-57, not to issue any revision of the ICBM section of NIE 11-4-57, "Main Trends in Soviet Capabilities and Policies, 1957-1962" (IAC-M-315, 12 November 1957, item 6).

9. Report of Working Group on Defense Against Ballistic Missiles (IAC-D-81/15.2, 12 December)

The members discussed in restricted session with [redacted] both the proposed reply to the Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff, and the back-up report on which the reply had been based. After their exchange of views the members agreed that the draft reply, as amended, should be forwarded to The Joint Staff, for transmission to the Weapons System Evaluation Group (WSEG). It was also agreed that both the draft reply and the report on which it was based should be forwarded to GMIC for its information and possible use. In the course of the discussion, General Cabell, who was then presiding, commended the working group for their work, noting that they had performed a valuable service for the intelligence community, particularly in their back-up report. 25X1

10. Scheduling of Next IAC Meeting

The members agreed that the next regular IAC meeting should be scheduled for Friday, 27 December, at 1045.

Adjournment: 1405

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